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SUPERVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN TANZANIA: THE PLIGHT FOR INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL ORGANS

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Abstract

Local government elections provide an opportunity for people to choose their immediate leaders at the grass-root level. They are means to ensure democracy at such levels. Prompted by events and results of the 2019 local government elections, this study examines the efficiency of the existing laws and regulations on local government elections in ensuring free and fair elections. The results point out to lack of independence and neutrality of election supervisory bodies at the said levels. The study recommends review of the whole election system at grass-root level in order to ensure free and fair elections.

Key Terms: Local Government Elections, Election Supervision, Independence of Election Supervisors

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

In October 2019, Tanzania held historical local government elections. The elections were historical not only because of events that transpired before and during such elections but also because of the extent to which the ruling Party won. In the said elections, the leading opposition Parties boycotted the elections¹ by alleging

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¹ On the circumstances and the boycott itself, see Paget, D. "Why Tanzania's Local Elections are More Important than they Might Seem." Available in the Internet at: <https://africanarguments.org/2019/11/15/why-tanzanias-local->